

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A system for restricting telephone calls that originate from a
2 facility, the system comprising:
3 at least one facility resident telephone configured to originate and
4 present a call signal;
5 a switching office; and
6 a destination telephone, wherein the at least one facility resident
7 telephone, the switching office, and the destination telephone are electrically serially
8 coupled such that a call signal originating at the at least one facility resident
9 telephone is routed to the destination telephone via the switching office, and wherein
10 the switching office disables at least one custom calling feature corresponding to the
11 call signal upon determining the call signal as originating from the at least one
12 facility resident telephone.
- 1 2. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one custom calling
2 feature is three way calling.
- 1 3. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one custom calling
2 feature is call forwarding
- 1 4. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one custom calling
2 feature is disabled only for the duration of the call signal.
- 1 5. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one custom calling
2 feature is disabled via a telephony protocol.
- 1 6. The system of claim 5 wherein the telephony protocol is
2 Signal System 7 (SS7) telephony protocol.
- 1 7. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one custom calling
2 feature is disabled in response to a first control signal that is generated upon

3 determining the call signal as originating from the at least one facility resident
4 telephone.

1 8. The system of claim 7 further comprising an end office that
2 is electrically serially coupled between the switching office and the destination
3 telephone, wherein switching office generates the first control signal and presents
4 the first control signal to the end office, and the end office disables the at least one
5 custom calling feature.

1 9. The system of claim 8 further comprising a facility call
2 processor electrically serially coupled between the at least one facility resident
3 telephone and the switching office, wherein the facility call processor generates a
4 second control signal in response to the origination of the call signal, and the first
5 control signal is sent from the switching office in response to the second control
6 signal.

1 10. The system of claim 1 wherein the switching office includes
2 a look up table (LUT) containing a database of telephone numbers that correspond
3 to the telephone numbers of the at least one facility resident telephone, and the at
4 least one custom calling feature is disabled in response to a match between the
5 telephone numbers in the database and a received telephone call having a telephone
6 number that corresponds to the at least one facility resident telephone.

1 11. The system of claim 1 wherein the facility is at least one of a
2 jail, a prison, a drug rehabilitation center, and a mental hospital, and the facility
3 resident is at least one of a inmate, a prisoner, and a patient.

1 12. A method for restricting telephone calls that originate from a
2 facility, the method comprising:
3 routing a call signal from at least one facility resident telephone
4 configured to originate and present the call signal through a switching office to a
5 destination telephone, wherein the at least one facility resident telephone, the
6 switching office, and the destination telephone are electrically serially coupled; and

7 disabling at least one custom calling feature corresponding to the call
8 signal upon determining the call signal as originating from the at least one facility
9 resident telephone.

1 13. The method of claim 12 wherein the at least one custom
2 calling feature is three way calling.

1 14. The method of claim 12 wherein the at least one custom
2 calling feature is call forwarding

1 15. The method of claim 12 wherein the at least one custom
2 calling feature is disabled only for the duration of the call signal.

1 16. The method of claim 12 wherein the at least one custom
2 calling feature is disabled via a telephony protocol.

1 17. The method of claim 16 wherein the telephony protocol is
2 Signal System 7 (SS7) telephony protocol.

1 18. The method of claim 12 wherein the at least one custom
2 calling feature is disabled in response to a first control signal that is generated upon
3 determining the call signal as originating from the at least one facility resident
4 telephone.

1 19. The method of claim 18 further comprising electrically serially
2 coupling an end office between the switching office and the destination telephone,
3 wherein switching office generates the first control signal and presents the first
4 control signal to the end office, and the end office disables the at least one custom
5 calling feature.

1 20. The method of claim 19 further comprising electrically serially
2 coupling a facility call processor between the at least one facility resident telephone
3 and the switching office, wherein the facility call processor generates a second

4 control signal in response to the origination of the call signal, and the first control
5 signal is sent from the switching office in response to the second control signal.

1 21. The method of claim 12 wherein the switching office includes
2 a look up table (LUT) containing a database of telephone numbers that correspond
3 to the telephone numbers of the at least one facility resident telephone, and the first
4 control signal is sent from the originating central office in response to a match
5 between the telephone numbers in the database and a received telephone call having
6 a telephone number that corresponds to the at least one facility resident telephone.

1 22. The method of claim 12 wherein the facility is at least one of
2 a jail, a prison, a drug rehabilitation center, and a mental hospital, and the facility
3 resident is at least one of a inmate, a prisoner, and a patient.

1 23. A system for restricting telephone calls that originate from a
2 facility, the system comprising:
3 at least one facility resident telephone configured to originate and
4 present a call signal;
5 a facility resident call processor;
6 an originating central office;
7 a destination central office; and
8 a destination telephone, wherein the at least one facility resident
9 telephone, the call processor, the originating central office, the destination office,
10 and the destination telephone are electrically serially coupled such that the call signal
11 that originates at the facility resident telephone is routed to the destination telephone,
12 and a first control signal is sent from the originating central office to the destination
13 central office when the call signal is presented, and wherein the first control signal
14 disables at least one custom calling feature corresponding to the call signal, the at
15 least one custom calling feature is at least one of three way calling and call
16 forwarding, the at least one custom calling feature is disabled only for the duration
17 of the call signal, the at least one custom calling feature is disabled via a Signal
18 System 7 (SS7) telephony protocol, the facility resident call processor generates a
19 second control signal in response to the origination of the call signal, and the first

20 control signal is sent from the originating central office in response to the second
21 control signal.

1 24. A system for restricting telephone calls that originate from a
2 facility, the system comprising:
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4 present a call signal;
5 a facility resident call processor;
6 an originating central office;
7 a destination central office; and
8 a destination telephone, wherein the at least one facility resident
9 telephone, the call processor, the originating central office, the destination office,
10 and the destination telephone are electrically serially coupled such that the call signal
11 that originates at the facility resident telephone is routed to the destination telephone,
12 and a first control signal is sent from the originating central office to the destination
13 central office when the call signal is presented, and wherein the first control signal
14 disables at least one custom calling feature corresponding to the call signal, the at
15 least one custom calling feature is at least one of three way calling and call
16 forwarding, the at least one custom calling feature is disabled only for the duration
17 of the call signal, the at least one custom calling feature is disabled via a Signal
18 System 7 (SS7) telephony protocol, the originating central office includes a look up
19 table (LUT) containing a database of telephone numbers that correspond to the
20 telephone numbers of the at least one facility resident telephone, and the first control
21 signal is sent from the originating central office in response to a match between the
22 telephone numbers in the database and a received telephone call having a telephone
23 number that corresponds to the at least one facility resident telephone.